



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
HELD ON APRIL 21, 2010 IN ROOM 374-A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:14 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; 1st Vice President John B. Troost; 2nd Vice President Wan Chun Chang; Treasurer Alexia Teran; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused Absence: Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller

Absent: Commissioner Wendy Welt

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2010.

On motion of Commission Troost, seconded by Commissioner Wright, (Commissioners Gureckas, Rubenstein, Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

[\(Supporting Document\)](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Staff reported on changes within the Commission Services office, review of new agenda format and approval of Treasurer's Trust Fund report of Commission on Disabilities as of February 1, 2010.

Sandra Barbee, Chief of Commission Services announced her move to the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector. She introduced Angie Montes as the Interim Chief of Commission Services effective May 3, 2010 and thanked the Commission for their support. Angie Montes gave a brief overview of her County history and assured the change in staff to be seamless.

Rhonda Rangel responded to question posed by the Commissioners on the new Agenda format.

After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Teran, seconded by Commissioner James (Commissioners Gureckas, Rubenstein, Weller and Welt being absent), the Commission staff reports were received and filed.
[\(Supporting Document\)](#)

3. Report by the Executive and Public Relations Committee for the month of April.

No report was presented and no action was taken by the Commission.

4. Report by Events Committee on the Access Awards luncheon to be held October 19, 2010 and progress with the Bill Tainter and Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship program.

Commissioner Neal reported applications for both scholarship programs have been distributed and nominations for the Access Awards are still being submitted. The Events Committee will be a meeting following today's meeting to discuss any further developments to be submitted to the Commission at a later date. No action was taken by the Commission.

5. Report by the Community Service Committee on KTYM radio captioning and concerns regarding gyms, spas and health clubs that are not giving reasonable accommodations to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Captioning for KTYM radio captioning is being well received. Commissioner Neal encouraged everyone to submit names of gyms, spas and health clubs that are not meeting ADA standards. Several gyms were mentioned and will be included and compiled for review.

6. Report by Transportation Committee by Access Services (ASI) and the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO).

Giovanna Gogreve of Access Services submitted their 2008-09 Fiscal Year Annual Report and Press Release of April 14, 2010 highlighting the new administrative office located at the El Monte MTA Division 9 Building and responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public.

After discussion, the annual report and press release were received and filed with the Commission.
[\(Supporting Document\)](#)

7. Monthly update report by ADA County Compliance Office.

Floyd McDonald informed staff that Ms. Angela Davis has been appointed the Acting Senior Deputy for the Disability Civil Rights (DCR) Section and will be the Commissions contact. Lorena Gomez reported the new disabled ramp located at the Mall area exit of the Hall of Administration is in its last stage. Dedication of the ramp will be announced at a later date.

After discussion, the verbal report was received by the Commission.

III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

8. Update presentation by the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation's enforcement and confiscations of fraudulent use of disabled placards.

A verbal update was submitted by Sergeant Jessie Dyar and Sergeant Kimmi Porter of the City of Los Angeles Transportation Department. They are currently working with DMV and Transportation investigators to issue citations to actual offenders of a first time misdemeanor offense of \$1000. This will assist the City since its Department can only cite the vehicle at \$374. Issuing the individual of the higher amount will deter future offenders. The offense doubles each time.

Sergeant Dyar and Sergeant Porter responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public.

After discussion, Commissioner Troost recommended the Commission work with staff to submit a letter of request to the Board of Supervisors asking them to upgrade the signage for the disabled parking to indicate that there is a substantial fine for parking at the Disabled parking space as oppose to indicating the actual amount. This posting should be located underneath international disabled emblem. Therefore, on recommendation of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner James (Commissioners Gureckas, Rubenstein, Weller and Welt being absent), the Commission approved the aforementioned recommendation.

Lastly, Commissioner Neal requested the City Department of Transportation submit updates on a monthly basis to the Commission for public notice.

IV. MISCELLEANEOUS

9. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future meeting of the Commission.
- 9A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Troost: Request a letter to the Board of Supervisors to review an upgrade of the signage for the disabled parking to indicate there is a substantial fine for parking at the disabled parking space as oppose to indicating the actual amount.
- 9B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Neal: Monthly report by the City Department of Transportation on enforcement and confiscations of fraudulent use of disabled placards.
- 9C. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Neal: Staff to work with Access Services and Commissioners to schedule Downtown Los Angeles Eligibility Center tour to have a better understanding of Access Services' eligibility process and programs available to the public.
- 9D. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Neal: Report by the Nominating Committee on Declaration of Candidacy submittals due May 7, 2010.
10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Daniel Garcia, Victor Hugo Alegria, Ben Rockwell and Linda Block addressed the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Teran, seconded by Commissioner James, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.